Dear Parents/Carers and Community

Welcome to mid term! The term is certainly going fast and there is much to do in the last part of this year. It is great to see the attendance rate increase - school is a great place and learning is the business! Great to see smiling faces when we succeed in our school work and the students of our school have improved in many aspects of their school work as a result of the increased attendance. Well done!

In the last fortnight the P and C Disco was held. Thanks to our members for putting this disco on and raising money to contribute to our school.

The following messages have been collated over the fortnight:

Last Friday, Elders (Uncle) Bimbo (Alfred Smallwood), (Uncle) Alec Illin, (Uncle) Francis Tapim, (Aunty) Joan McKay, (Aunty) Jenny Wyles, (Uncle) Billy Thaiday and (Uncle) Donald Whaleboat gathered with me to discuss Garbutt State School and current celebrations and concerns about our school. The gathering was positive and the key messages of this gathering included:

**Attendance** - EVERY DAY COUNTS! To get a job when children finish school they must be able to read and write. Parents need to work with the school by encouraging kids to read at home, this is crucial in cementing what they’ve learnt at school.

**Learning is everyone’s business.**

**READING, READING and READING!**

High standards of behaviour of all members (students, parents, community) are expected.

School grounds are to be used for educational purposes - the fence line needs to have limited areas of access to stop the thoroughfare and the community needs to respect this, avoiding school grounds out of school hours and only entering when necessary for educational purposes.

**Community Garden Project to be renewed**

2015 planning commenced - support for students, parents and staff was discussed

A very special thankyou to our Elders for their contribution to our school - I look forward to our next gathering!

**PARENTS/COMMUNITY RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL SITE**

Congratulations to the majority of parents and community who support our school and work with us to resolve issues. We appreciate your continued support and positive participation at our school.

In the past week I have had to address a series of behaviours from parents/community that are not appropriate on school sites and we hope that this can improve in the future.

Adults are reminded that under no circumstance are they to approach students verbally or physically regarding inappropriate behaviour. No parent/community member has the authority to conduct themselves in this manner on school premises and I ask that you work with my staff to resolve any issues using the correct procedures.

Department of Education and Training have a process to manage members who conduct themselves inappropriately and with hostility which may result in them being unable to participate in upcoming events. Please show respect and model appropriate behaviour at all times in accordance with our commitment to our three rules Be Responsible, Safe and Respectful.

**STUDENT SUPPORT**

Garbutt State School is very lucky to have a great team and a number of people who can assist when there are concerns with students’ academic, social or behaviour issues.

At our school we have a Behaviour Support Teacher (Shirley Close), A Head of Curriculum (Amanda Lester), 2 Support Teachers (Kathy Szymanski and Donald Whaleboat), School Chaplain (Marion Venz), myself, many class teachers and support staff. The first point of call for concerns is your child’s class teacher. Please respect our commitments throughout the week and make an appointment if you need to speak with us. Thanks for your support.
**Swimming**
Swimming continues with Grades 3–7 attending on Thursday morning and Preps—2 attending on Friday morning. Make sure your children come to school with their swimmers and towel, as well as correct school uniform before and after their lessons.

Please note that swimming lessons are a compulsory part of the curriculum and each student MUST attend, as part of the mandatory PE requirements.

**MISSING**
On Monday the 27th October, a BMX bike has gone missing from the school grounds.

It is fluro yellow and black, with purple spokes and is a “We the People” brand bike with a diamond emblem.

If anyone has any information about where this bike is, or might have seen it around, please contact the school office on 47594888. There is a cash reward upon its safe return so please help out if you can in any way possible.

**P&C Meeting**
The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday the 25th of November at 2:45.

**Parade**
Parade will commence at 8:45 this Friday in the Library.

**ENROLMENTS**
We need to have accurate numbers. If you are planning for your child not to return to Garbutt (current Prep-5 Students) please contact the office and let us know. Numbers help us plan how many classes we will have and our resources for 2015. If you know any students who plan to enrol at Garbutt, please ask them to drop in and get an enrolment package. This includes 2015 Prep students.

It is important that parents start to gather information to enrol Prep’s in 2015. As per Department of Education guidelines and policy, Birth Certificates must be sighted by every State School upon enrolment (particularly in Prep). Please start preparing now so your child gets a flying start to the 2015 school year.

**END OF YEAR CONCERT WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER**
Students and Teachers are busily preparing for the End of Year Concert on Wednesday 10 December, starting at 9am. This is a celebration of learning and we look forward to showcasing our students moves! A morning tea will be available on the day. All members of our parent/community are welcome to attend.

**YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER**
This year we farewell all Year 6 and Year 7 students who are off to High School. We will be doing things a little differently.

Students will be required to come to the Graduation Ceremony and afternoon tea on Wednesday 10th December starting at 4pm. Students will receive their Graduation Certificate. A photo booth (lots of fun) will be available to capture our students and their guests before the students go to dinner at La Porchetta on Charters Towers Road.

Our P and C have organised the Photo Booth and the afternoon tea is catered by staff and P and C. The ceremony at school will finish at 5.30pm and students will need to get lifts to their dinner. Our P and C have kindly paid for all students to attend the dinner. A note about this will come home next week.

Kind regards,
Helen McCullough
Principal
## Maths Competition

Congratulations to everyone who got an award for competing in the maths competition!

- Aaliyah
- Benaz
- Lenita
- Julian
- Toby
- Pebbles
- Nathan
- Samantha

## PCYC Swimming

The Rotary Club has very generously paid for a learn to swim teacher to help Garbutt State School students become the best swimmers they can be.

The aim is to get students performing to their full potential and to form a squad for next year’s interschool swimming carnivals.

The times are—
- Monday 3:30—5:30
- Thursday 5:30—6:30

Remember your togs and towel!

The only cost is $1 for pool entry each time they attend. This is very cheap for extra lessons and we hope all the students will take advantage of this offer. Please note that swimming lessons during school time are still compulsory as they are part of the curriculum.

## Enrolment

We are currently taking enrolments for 2015 for Prep and all year levels up to Grade 6. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact the office on 47594888 ASAP.

## Unexplained Absences

Please make sure that if your children are absent from school that you ring up the office and letting them know. Attendance is important every single day so please encourage kids to attend, smart kids come to school every day!

## Easy Quiche

### Ingredients

- 4 Eggs
- 1 and 1/2 cups of milk
- Half a cup of self raising flour
- 3 tablespoons of butter, melted.
- 1 and a half cups of grated cheese
- All the vegetables you want to mix in (cucumber, carrot, celery, capsicum, broccoli, beans—anything you want!)
- Half a cup of diced bacon

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius.
2. Whisk eggs, milk, butter and flour in a bowl.
3. Fold in the cheese and fillings.
4. Pour in to a tart tray or for individual quiches into a muffin tray.
5. Bake for 40 minutes for a large quiche, 20 for individuals or until set.
6. Enjoy!

## Free Dress Day and P&C Raffle

Congratulations to Quentin Fleming who won the P&C raffle!

Our best dressed students for the free dress day are—
- Prep—Aaliyah
- Year 1—Moka
- Year 2—Ayla
- Year 3/4—Tuhi
- Year 4/5—Karina
- Year 5/6—Damian
- Year 6/7—Julian

A big thanks to everyone who participated, what a fun day! We would also like to thank the P&C for holding our school disco, everyone had fun and the students really appreciate it!

## Town High Transition Day

On the 3rd of December our school will be attending a Town High Transition Day. Permission slips will be sent home in November, so keep an eye out if your child is interested.
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## Important Dates

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## Gotcha Winners

### Learning Behaviour

**31st October**
- Fiona
- Marnie
- Moka
- Jayden
- Toby
- Visenia

**7th November**
- Karina
- Jade
- Kyle
- Nathaniel
- Taleisha
- Tia

### Smart and Strong Awards

**31st October**
- Shannah
- Tyrell
- Fiona
- Toby
- Lenita
- Rhonda
- Taj
- Jayda-May

**7th November**
- Jayda-May
- Alara
- Nazareth
- Coli
- Douglas
- Nathan
- Patrick
- Rennie-Mae
- Jesse-Ray
- Liberty

**31st October**
- Tia
- Marnie
- Nakiyah
- Maliza
- Dominik
- Jesse-James
- Jessica

**7th November**
- Lore
- Preston
- Tara
- Jessica
- Laurie
- Kyle

## Reading

**7th November**
- Prep & Year 1